

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A cultivation method of a flowering plant comprising a step of releasing restraint on a floral bud imposed by outermost layer of the floral bud at a stage between immediately after floral bud initiation and flowering period to obtain a flowering plant having a released petal.
- 2-3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously presented) A processing method of a cut flower comprising a step of releasing restraint on a floral bud imposed by outermost layer of the floral bud at a stage between immediately after floral bud initiation and flowering period to obtain a cut flower having a released petal.
- 5-6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously presented) The cultivation method of a flowering plant according to claim 1, further comprising a step of cultivating the flowering plant.

8. (Previously presented) The cultivation method of a flowering plant according to claim 1, further comprising a step of blooming the flowering plant.
9. (Previously presented) The cultivation method of a flowering plant according to claim 1, wherein the flowering plant is provided to a flower market.
10. (Previously presented) The cultivation method of a flowering plant according to claim 1, wherein the flowering plant is selected from the group consisting of Caryophyllaceae, Rosaceae, Compositae and Theaceae families.
11. (Previously presented) The cultivation method of a flowering plant according to claim 1, wherein the flowering plant is selected from the group consisting of Dianthus, Rosa, Dahlia, Paeonia, Camellia, Anemone and Ranunculus genera.
12. (Previously presented) The cultivation method of a flowering plant according to claim 1, wherein the flowering plant is carnation.
13. (Previously presented) The processing method of a cut flower according to claim 4, further comprising a step of watering the cut flower to store.
14. (Previously presented) The processing method of a cut flower according to claim 4,

further comprising a step of blooming the cut flower.

15. (Previously presented) The processing method of a cut flower according to claim 4, wherein the cut flower is provided to a flower market.

16. (Previously presented) The processing method of a cut flower according to claim 4, wherein the cut flower is selected from the group consisting of Caryophyllaceae, Rosaceae, Compositae and Theaceae families.

17. (Previously presented) The processing method of a cut flower according to claim 4, wherein the cut flower is selected from the group consisting of Dianthus, Rosa, Dahlia, Paeonia, Camellia, Anemone and Ranunculus genera.

18. (Previously presented) The processing method of a cut flower according to claim 4, wherein the cut flower is carnation.